

### REMARKS

Claims 5-12, 14-17, 19-21, 23 and 27 have been canceled without prejudice above because these claims have been allowed in the parent patent application.

New claim 30 has been added above to claim the features recited therein.

The claims have been amended above to clarify applicants' claimed invention. For example, in claim 1 the term "spring clipping" has been changed to --attaching a spring clip to--. This change is not believed to limit or narrow the scope of the invention.

Regarding claim 25, it has not been amended relative to its last form in the parent application. The examiner stated that claim 25 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Hollander. However, nowhere in Hollander is there a suggestion, much less "anticipation", of the features recited in claim 25. There is not disclosure that the C-clip 17 has a barb; much less that such a barb is adapted to contact body portion 40 mounted over the spring clip in a barb mounting slot of the housing. Where is there a disclosure of a barb mounting slot? Where is there a disclosure of a barb in a barb mounting slot wherein **the barb contacts the body portion 40**? The examiner is requested to reconsider his rejection.

Favorable consideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issue remain, the examiner is invited to call applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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